Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Are all the books intact now or could any of them have been lost?

First Member of Council.—

I do not think any have been lost. Proper accounts have been maintained of them.

MR. M. RAMEGOWDA (Chintamani Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The total number of Village Panchayets in the State?

(*b*) The demand of these Panchayets for a year?

(*c*) The amount collected out of the demand till now and the balance to be recovered?

(*d*) The reason why this balance is outstanding?

(*e*) Whether the Patels and Shanbhogues of these villages have been taking interest or not to recover this balance along with land revenue *khists*?

(*f*) Whether they have taken action against such of the Patels and Shanbhogues as have not recovered the balance or to enquire into the reasons for their default?

(*g*) If they had enquired into the matter, would such a large balance be still outstanding?

(*h*) Is it not their function to improve the Village Panchayets?

(*i*) Whether they will take action to see that the Patels and Shanbhogues collect the Panchayet dues promptly in future?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—17. (*a*) 10,183 Panchayets and 12 hamlets.

(*b*) Rs. 30,19,112 for 1930-31 including arrears.

(*c*) Rs. 8,00,347—collections; Rs. 22,18,765—balance.

(*d*) Generally due to the fall of prices of agricultural produce and consequent tightness of money market and also to the inclusion of the heavy arrears of the old Panchayets.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes, and needful disciplinary action is taken by the officers concerned in cases of persistent neglect.

(*g*) The accumulation of arrears is due to reasons explained and is, to some extent, inevitable.

(*h*) Yes, as far as possible.
(*i*) Action has been and is being taken.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Ir. M. Ramegowda.—

With reference to the answer to question (*b*), may I ask ow long the previous arrears included in the amount of s. 30,19,112 have remained uncollected ?

eneral Secretary to Government.—

I want notice.

Ir. M. Ramegowda.—

Are the Government aware that the major portion of he previous years' arrears are remaining uncollected on ccount of want of interest on the part of the collecting gencies ?

eneral Secretary to Government.—

No.

Ir. M. Ramegowda.—

Cannot better results be achieved if effective disciplinary ction is taken against the officials concerned so that there might be no need later on to write off the dues ?

General Secretary to Government.—

Government cannot say that. Perhaps better results will follow if the economic conditions improve.

Mr. M. Ramegowda.—

How is it that the land revenue collections, in which the Government are more directly interested, are much better than those of the Panchayet dues ?

Second Member of Council.—

I cannot adduce reasons for it. But I may say that the question was gone into only last year and it was found unnecessary to resort to any more coercive processes.

Mr. M. Ramegowda.—

Will the Government be pleased to instruct the officials

concerned to adopt in this case also the same steps as they take in respect of land revenue collections ?

Second Member of Council.—

Panchayets are local self-governing institutions and they are free to take whatever steps they want under the law. That the Panchayet demand should be strictly collected is the intention of the Government also.

Mr. M. Ramegowda.—

What steps will the Government take to obviate the need for remissions later on ?

Second Member of Council.—

If remissions are called for under the rules they will have to be sanctioned. But I may say that the outstanding arrears are not very heavy, if previous years' arrears are left out of account for the collection of which the old Unions were responsible.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 22.

SRIMATI KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA moved the following resolution :—

"This Assembly recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja that the Maharani's College may not be abolished, as is rumoured, but continued for some time more."

She said that she saw from the agenda papers that Mr. H. C. Dasappa had given notice of an amendment to this resolution, *viz.*, to omit the words "for some time more" at the end of the resolution, and that she would accept the same.

In moving the resolution as amended, she said that there was a strong rumour that the Maharani's College would be transferred to Bangalore but that she did not know why such a step, if true, should have been contemplated. It could not be that the University was likely to incur any the less of expenditure on the college if it was situated at Bangalore. After all, about Rs. 25,000 per annum was all that was being spent on the college at Mysore, while, if the college was shifted to Bangalore, the expenditure would be much more because some of the professors and lecturers of